

Township of Lower Alsace, Berks County, PA
April 22, 2015

The Lower Alsace Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building, 1200 Carsonia Avenue, Reading, PA.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: James Oswald and John Theodossiou. Supervisor Todd Weikel was unable to attend.

Also in attendance were Homer Williams, Tammy Oswald, Tom Orth and his Atty, Mark Koch from Lower Alsace Township, Jim Snyder and Jay Sockel from the Lower Alsace Fire Department, Roger Reto and Tom Staron from Mount Penn Borough and Barry Vogt, President; Jeff Wertz, Deputy Chief; Dave Kline, Captain; Richard Lombardo, Lieutenant; and Timothy Waldman, Fire Chief from the Mount Penn Fire Company. Also in attendance was Steve DeLucas, reporter from the Reading Eagle.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by the Chairman James Oswald and then followed with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2015 Lower Alsace Township Supervisors' Meeting.

II. TREASURER'S LIST OF BILLS

A. Supervisor Oswald made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented in the amount of \$25,335.61 from the General Fund and \$4,669.72 from the Fire Tax Fund. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou and all voted yes to approve.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Road Foreman, Rich Bitting presented the final recommendations for road construction projects including Neversink Mount Road; N. 26th Street from Prospect Street to Park Street and from Harvey Avenue to Navella Avenue; Kraemer Avenue intersection of Friedensburg Road; Cherrydale Avenue from Carsonia Avenue to Friedensburg Road; Wilson Avenue from Carsonia Avenue to Cross Street; Angor Road from Wanner to Bingaman Road. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize the Engineer to advertise the project for bids.

- B. The Supervisors reviewed the April 28th Zoning Hearing Board application with Zoning Officer Terry Naugle. Atty. Mark Koch and applicant Tom Orth attended the meeting to discuss the application to expand the garage known as Carsonia Car Care with an additional bay. Atty. Koch reviewed the application and compared the proposed use to the current terms of the zoning ordinance. The Supervisors asked that the fenced in car storage be defined. It was explained that it is intended for the temporary storage of towed vehicles and not an auto salvage yard. The Orth's also agreed to consider some type of planting such as Arborvitae along the front of the property to hide the vehicle storage area. The Supervisors authorized the Zoning Officer, Terry Naugle to present these items as testimony at the hearing asking that they be conditions for approval of the request. This was approved by way of a motion made by Supervisor Oswald, seconded by Supervisor Theodossiou, the motion carried.
- C. At this time the meeting turned to discussions with the Officers of the Lower Alsace Fire Department and the Mount Penn Fire Department with Mount Penn Borough Council persons, Tom Staron and Roger Reto who joined the Supervisors at the board table to discuss the Fire Departments' responses to the nine questions that were sent to each department. Following the discussion, Township Manager Terry Styer was instructed to contact the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to for a Peer Review of both departments.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no additional public comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 13, 2015 at 7:25 PM in the Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry L. Styer
Manager/Secretary-Treasurer